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SUBJ: WRAPUP 1800 HOURS SEP 15

1. SANTIAGO, AND ACCORDING TO REPORTS MOST OF THE REST OF CHILE, PRESENTS A PICTURE OF CHILEAN WEEKEND RELAXATION THIS AFTERNOON, WITH CROWDS SHOPPING FOR FOOD AND VIEWING DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO DAMAGE. IN CONTRAST, HOWEVER, WE HAVE RELIABLE REPORTS OF BRIEF BUT INTENSE FIREFIGHTS CONTINUING AROUND CITY. SINCE NOON TODAY ARMED FORCES RADIO NET HAS CARRIED VERY FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS EXCEPT REITERATION OF DEATH THREATS TO THOSE FOUND ILLEGALLY IN MILITARY OR POLICE UNIFORM AND CALLS TO CITIZENRY TO REPORT HIDING PLACES OF EXTREMISTS. EMPLOYEES OF MINISTRIES AND GOVT AGENCIES ARE BEING GIVEN ORDERS TO REPORT FOR DUTY AT VARIOUS TIMES ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

2. RECOGNITION OF THE NEW GOVT BY FRANCE WAS REPORTED IN LA TERCERA TODAY, BEARING A DATELINE OF PARIS SEPT 14. THE WEST
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GERMAN CHARGE TOLD US THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTIONS

"NOT TO MOVE TOO QUICKLY" AND TO KEEP IN STEP WITH US AND UK ON THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION. WE ASSUME FRG PLANS EXTEND RECOGNITION AND IS ONLY AWAITING APPROPRIATE TIME.

3. LA TERCERA AND ARMED FORCES RADIO NET BOTH CARRY REPORTS THAT RETIRED GENERAL PRATS WILL DEPART TODAY FOR ARGENTINA. THIS COMBINED WITH EARLIER STATEMENT BY PRATS ON RADIO/TV YESTERDAY SHOULD DAMPEN RUMORS HE IS LEADING COLUMN FROM SOUTH TO SANTIAGO.

4. MOVEMENT OF UP PRISONERS TO SHIPS IN VALPARAISO FOR PRESUMED TRANSFER TO JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND WAS REPORTED SANTIAGO 4255, ITEM 4. A SOURCE WE CONSIDER RELIABLE REPORTS THAT THE HEAD OF THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT (DIA), LUIS SANGUINETTI, AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN US-CHILEAN NARCOTIC DRUG CONTROL COOPERATION, KILLED HIMSELF BY APPARENTLY THROWING HIMSELF DOWN A CARGO HATCH, WHILE BEING PUT ABOARD SHIP. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTS THE DIA HAS BEEN DISSOLVED.

5. THE POLITICAL PARTIES ALREADY ABOARD THE MILITARY BANDWAGON WERE JOINED BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ON SEPT 14, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT PRINTED IN EL MERCURIO THIS MORNING. THE PDS NOTED THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS OF THE "PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT," RECOGNIZED THE "PATRIOTISM, PROFESSIONALISM, AND POLITICAL FORESIGHT" OF THE ARMED FORCES IN TAKING OVER, AND CALLED ON ALL WORKERS TO JOIN IN THE NATIONAL EFFORT AT RESTORATION OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY.

6. NO REPORTS OF INJURIES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.
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